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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Annie AUDIBERT, et al.**

Serial No.: **09/628,423**

Filed: **July 28, 2000**

For: **METHOD AND FLUID FOR CONTROLLING THE  
SATURATION OF A FORMATION CLOSE TO A WELL**

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Examiner: **Tucker**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

ATTN: **BOX AF**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 17, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 3, 4 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 15 as follows:

*B1*  
1. (Twice amended) A method for drilling or intervening in a well passing

through a porous, permeable formation in which a water-based well fluid is circulating in said well, comprising adding to said fluid a maximum of 1 g/l of a composition comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of partial esters of at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of glycerol and polyglycerols

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